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INFORMATION MEETING FOR PERSONS CONSIDERING FOSTERING OR ADOPTING A CHILD

HICKORY, N.C. -- Family Builders of Catawba Valley invites anyone interested in fostering or adopting a child to attend the resource family information meeting at 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8. The meeting will be held at the Family Services Center, 3050 11th Avenue Drive SE, Hickory, N.C. 28602 (behind Catawba Valley Medical Center).

There is currently an urgent need for foster parents and therapeutic foster parents, especially those who can accept sibling groups.

"We hold the resource family information meeting on the second Tuesday of each month to help raise awareness of the great need for foster homes for Catawba County's waiting children," said Sharon Hamby, a social worker. "We welcome anyone to attend to ask questions and to learn more about ways they can touch the lives of our county's children in foster care."

Resource families include family foster homes, therapeutic foster homes and adoptive homes. Specific information about becoming a resource family will be available at the meeting. Guests also will learn about required training for resource families and hear stories about the rewards of helping Catawba County's children in foster care.

For more information about the meeting or to schedule an individual appointment to discuss becoming a resource family, contact Sharon Hamby at Family Builders of Catawba Valley at (828) 695-4553 or email shamby@catawbacountync.gov. For information on all services offered by Family Builders of Catawba Valley, visit http://www.catawbacountync.gov/dss/FamilyBuilders/FamilyBuilders.asp.

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